

POTENTIAL 2005 AGENCY REQUEST LEGISLATION

BRIEFING PAPER

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PURPOSE:

To provide the Commission with an overview of potential agency request legislation for the 2005 Session.

ACTION/OUTPUT:

This is an informational briefing on proposals the Department is considering as possible agency request legislation and to seek the Commission's views prior to moving any of these issues forward.

BACKGROUND:

State law requires that the Commission review and approve all Departmental requests for legislation. In addition, the Governor's Office has a review process for the development and introduction of agency request legislation.

The timetable for developing and formalizing agency request legislation is as follows:

May: Staff is asked for suggestions of potential policy or budget initiatives that might require legislation in 2005.

June: Suggestions are refined, bill drafts are prepared and the collaborative process of discussing these issues with other agencies and stakeholder groups begin.

July: The Department's legislative recommendations will be presented to the Commission for review and consideration.

August: Seek formal Commission approval of the Department's agency request recommendations.

September: Transmit agency request recommendations to the Governor's office and OFM for their review and consideration.

January: The 2005 Legislative Session convenes on Monday, January 10, 2005.

DISCUSSION:

Prior to each legislative session, Department staff makes suggestions for essential or highly desirable changes in law that would contribute to better operation of the Department. These do not include major policy issues that are typically addressed as part of the House or Senate Transportation Committees' Interim Activities Plan.

RECOMMENDATION AND MOTION:

Formal Commission action on the Department's agency request package will be requested in August.

DECISION:

No action is required at this time.

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